

CLAIMS

1. A method for finding TV Anytime web services comprising querying a known address, obtaining a file from said address, said file having a predefined structure, and parsing said file to obtain URLs for TV Anytime web service description files.
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2. A method according to claim 1, and further comprising receiving a CRID and generating a basic URL from said CRID.
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3. A method according to claim 1, and further comprising receiving a basic URL.
4. A method according to claim 2 or 3, wherein said known address is generated by taking said basic URL and adding to it a predefined suffix.
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5. A method according to any preceding claim, and further comprising presenting a human readable portion of said web service description files to a user, said user selecting a TV Anytime web service and obtaining said TV Anytime web service.
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6. Apparatus for finding TV Anytime web services comprising communicating means for querying via a network a known address and for obtaining a file from said address, said file having a predefined structure, and processing means for parsing said file to obtain URLs for TV Anytime web service description files.
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7. Apparatus according to claim 6, and further comprising a display device for displaying a human readable portion of said web service description files.
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8. Apparatus according to claim 6 or 7, and further comprising user interface means for inputting a URL.

9. Apparatus according to claim 7, wherein a user selects a TV Anytime web service and said communicating means obtains said TV Anytime web service.

10. Apparatus according to claim 9, and further comprising storage means for storing the TV Anytime web service obtained by the communicating means.

11. A method for providing access to TV Anytime web services comprising receiving a query at a known address, and supplying a file in response to said query, said file including URLs to TV Anytime web service description files.

12. A method according to claim 11, wherein said known address is generated by placing said file at the entry point of a web site.

13. A method according to claim 11 or 12, wherein said file further contains information on each web service for each respective URL.

14. A server system for providing access to TV Anytime web services comprising receiving means for receiving a query at a known address, and supplying means for supplying a file in response to said query, said file including URLs to TV Anytime web service description files.

15. A system according to claim 14, wherein said known address is generated by placing said file at the entry point of a web site.

16. A system according to claim 14 or 15, wherein said file further contains information on each web service for each respective URL.

5 17. A method of spidering websites comprising recursively addressing a URL for a non-HTML web service description file, parsing said file to obtain further URLs for non-HTML web service description files, and recording said further URLs.

10 18. A server system for supplying URLs for TV Anytime web services via a network comprising receiving means for receiving a query, supplying means for supplying one or more URLs for TV Anytime web services in response to said query, and storing means for storing a categorised list of TV Anytime web services.